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1. The "Voice of America" and the BBC are presently received with great attention by Soviet listeners in Germany. [REDACTED] fifteen SMA officers of whom eleven acknowledged listening to the above broadcasts. Only six claimed to have listened regularly to Soviet news broadcasts. (Comment: A year ago [REDACTED] maintained that American and British programs had no appeal to Soviet officers stationed in Germany.)

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2. [REDACTED] Soviet officer listeners await eagerly the criticism and exposure of the artificially created authority of Stalin and other leaders, and of the Soviet state. Because of low political morale, such exposures may have an important effect on Soviet officer listeners.

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